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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Xavier Joubert et al.

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For: HIGH STRENGTH HOOK,  
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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows and as attached. For those instances in which only section headings are being inserted, no "clean" copies of the affected paragraphs follows since, as stated in 37 CFR § 1.52(6), "Paragraph or section headers (titles)...are not considered paragraphs..." "Clean" copies of the paragraphs affected by amendment are attached hereto.

On page 1, after the title, insert the heading --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.